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**Applicant:** Hiroshi Asami  
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**AMENDMENT B**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**S I R:**

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.**